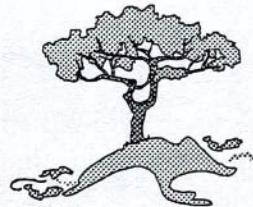


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Warrenton Accepts Surf Pines' Water System



by Ken Weber

Hurray! Hurray! Hurray! After seven years, the City of Warrenton finally completed an agreement with the Surf Pines Water Association. At a recent meeting of the City Commission, Warrenton accepted the Surf Pines water system as part of the Warrenton water system.

Seven years ago, when the wells that served Surf Pines were not providing the quality and quantity of water that we required, Warrenton offered to provide us with water if we installed new pipes and added more hydrants to meet state codes. But then, after we upgraded our system to make it the most modern in the area, Warrenton's city commissioners and staff changed and the new commission required more provisions to complete the agreement than we could provide.

Now, Warrenton's commissioners and staff have changed again and accepted our water system as part of the Warrenton water system. The only new provision was placing the Surf Pines Water Association's reserve fund of approximately \$40,000 in an account with the city and designating the fund for future repairs to the Surf Pines water system, a provision recently approved by a vote of the membership. The Water Association's land, approximately three acres at the old south pump station, was deeded to the Surf Pines Association.

Our thanks go to Warrenton's Mayor Gil Gramson, the commissioners, City Manager Ed Madere, and the staff for their work in completing this mutually beneficial agreement.

Editors' note: Ken Weber presides over the Surf Pines Water Association, which will dissolve itself now that it has completed its work.

Spring Pinot Party, April 16, 6:00-10:00 p.m.



by Norma Keever

You are invited to the Annual Wine-Tasting Party. This year, it's a Pinot Party. (See story on page 2.)



Pinot Party (continued from Page 1)

Pinot is often said to be the wine that Oregon does best. We encourage you to bring your favorite pinot noir, pinot blanc, or pinot gris for others to taste. (Or bring your favorite non-alcoholic alternative.)

Mauro and Roxanne Granziero, new residents, will host the party in their home, 89543 Lakeside Court (at the southeast corner of Manion Drive and Lakeside).

The Community Relations Committee, sponsor of the party, asks that you join your neighbors in bringing one or two bottles of your favorite pinot and a heavy hors d'oeuvre.

Enjoy tasting new pinots and meeting new neighbors and old friends at the Annual Wine-Tasting Party.

Editors' note: Norma Keever chairs the Community Relations Committee.

Quick News



Next Annual Meeting Scheduled for August 6

The next Annual Meeting of the Surf Pines Association, as announced by Don Kruger, President, is scheduled for Saturday, August 6, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. at the Astoria Golf and Country Club. Plan to attend.

Monthly Board Meetings Open to Members

The monthly meetings of the Board of Directors—open to all members of the association—are usually held on the third Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Seaside Public Library. “Comments from the Membership” is always toward the top of the agenda.

On the weekend before a meeting, the agenda is available at the gate house and on the Surf Pines Web site. Soon after a meeting, the minutes are available on the Web: www.surfpines.org

Attend to business by either attending the meetings or reading the minutes.

Best Time to Contact Security

The best time for you to contact Lynn Meyrick, Security, about routine business is during office hours: Thursday through Monday from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. During office hours, Lynn and Pam Meyrick are available in person at the security house and also by telephone at (503) 738-0637.

Nominees for Director Invited

The term of one member of the Board of Directors, Don Kruger, expires this year. As president, Don will appoint a Nominating Committee to nominate members to fill the open position on the board. If you have the time and the experience to contribute to the association by serving on the Board of Directors, then contact any member of the board by May 15 to indicate an interest in being nominated. (For telephone numbers, addresses, and e-mail addresses of the members of the board, see page 8.)

One member of the Board of Directors will be elected at the Annual Meeting on August 6, 2005, for a three-year term. Directors are responsible for the management, maintenance, and control of the assets of the association. The five directors serve as officers of the association: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and a director at large. They also chair most of the committees and assume responsibility for the newsletter. Significantly, they are assisted in their work by an administrator.

Standing Committees Welcome Volunteers

To volunteer to work on a standing committee—either Security, Roads and Grounds, or Community Relations—contact the committee chairperson. (For telephone numbers, addresses, and e-mail addresses, see page 8.)



Quick News (continued)

Budget Committee Members to Be Appointed

The Board of Directors is seeking from three to five members for the ad hoc Budget Committee. Typically, the Budget Committee, chaired by the treasurer, meets twice during May to prepare the association's budget for the fiscal year for consideration by the Board of Directors and, ultimately, for approval by the membership at the Annual Meeting.

If you are interested in preparing the association's budget for the 2005-2006 fiscal year, then contact any member of the board by April 15 to indicate that you are willing to be appointed to the Budget Committee. (For telephone numbers, addresses, and e-mail addresses of the members of the board, see page 8.)

Dues Are Due

Bill Barrons, Administrator, reminds that dues, which are billed in arrears, are due by the end of the month in which you receive a statement and are delinquent thereafter. For example, a statement dated April 1, 2005, which is for dues during January, February, and March, is due by April 30 and is delinquent thereafter.

Speed Enforced by Radar

The posted speed limit on the roads of Surf Pines is 25 miles per hour. Deputy sheriffs use radar to check speed. If drivers exceed the posted speed limit, then assessments may be levied against the drivers according to this schedule of fees currently in use by Oregon courts:

MPH in Excess of Posted Speed	Assessment
1-10	\$94
11-20	\$141
21-30	\$237
Over 30	\$421

Location of Mailboxes

The Roads and Grounds Committee advises that mailboxes should be located so that the front of the box is a minimum of 18 inches from the edge of the paved road with the intervening surface either paved or graveled. The bottom of the box should be 36 to 38 inches above the surface of the road to comply with Post Office regulations.

In Deep Dog Doo-doo

Members (including dog owners) ask that dog owners bag their dogs' doo-doo instead of littering the park, the paths to the beach, and the roadsides with it. Bagging it, they suggest, is the neighborly thing to do with dog doo-doo. And more and more neighborly dog owners, members note, have a leash in one hand and a plastic bag in the other hand.

New Directory to Be Published

A new *Directory of Residents* is to be published by Bill Barrons, Administrator, with the assistance of the Community Relations Committee. Bonnie Rogie, a member of the committee, created an attractive draft of the new directory. The new directory will replace the old yellow *Directory of Residents 2004-2005* and all of the yellow sheets of additions and corrections that have accumulated. If your listing in the old directory requires an addition or a correction, then contact Bill Barrons. (For contact information, see page 8.)

New Handbook to Be Published

A new handbook is to be published by Bill Barrons, Administrator, with the assistance of the Community Relations Committee. The new handbook will replace the old blue *Owners' Information Guide*, circa 2001. If you have suggestions for additions to the handbook that will be useful to you, then contact Bill Barrons. (For contact information, see page 8.)



Security Committee Studies Response to Tsunami Danger

by Michael Wilkin and Patrick Kelley with photo by Roger Massee

After the tsunami in the Indian Ocean on December 26, 2004, perhaps long-time members of the Surf Pines Association remembered recent history regarding a tsunami warning system for Surf Pines.

In the spring of 2001, an ad hoc committee, the Tsunami Committee, recommended setting aside a reserve of \$25,000 for a tsunami warning system to include two sirens along Ocean Drive. But, at the Annual Meeting in the summer of 2001, the membership rejected the recommendation by a vote of 54 to 17.

Agreeing that this vote might be very different today, after the tsunami, the Board of Directors asked the Security Committee to study a response to the danger of a tsunami.

Generally, the committee is focusing on working with the emergency services coordinator for Clatsop County on a coordinated response.

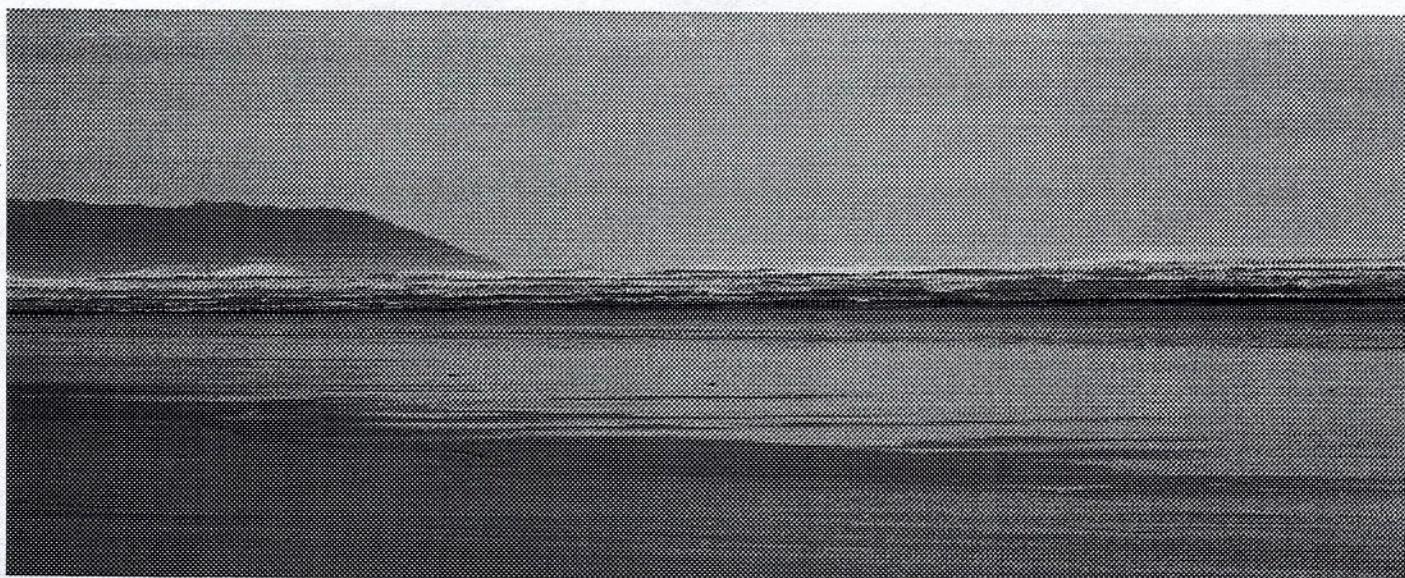
A specific recommendation to the board that the committee is considering concerns NOAA weather radio. (NOAA is the acronym for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.) A NOAA weather radio broadcasts National Weather Service watches and warnings 24 hours per day. Significantly, a NOAA weather radio can be equipped with a special alarm tone that warns of a life-threatening condition, such as a tsunami.

The committee is considering recommending that the association select a particular model of NOAA weather radio, stock the radio, provide it to members who want to purchase it, and support it for members in the same way that gate transmitters are stocked for, provided to, and supported for members.

With the alarm tone feature that warns of a life-threatening condition, a NOAA weather radio would enable every member who wants one to have an inexpensive tsunami warning system in his or her home in Surf Pines.

The committee is also considering other recommendations for responding to the danger of a tsunami.

Editors' note: Michael Wilkin chairs the Security Committee; Patrick Kelley serves as the corporate secretary.





Tsunami 101 for Surf Pines Residents

by Bill Barrons and Patrick Kelley

You and the members of your family should know what a tsunami is and what to do when a tsunami strikes Surf Pines. Ensuring that the members of your family have this information can save their lives.

What Is a Tsunami?

A *tsunami*, also called a tidal wave, is a series of waves that are usually caused by an earthquake beneath the floor of the sea. In an open sea, these waves can travel at speeds up to 600 miles per hour. As the waves enter shallow water, they can rise, reportedly, to heights up to 100 feet, though peak wave heights from tsunamis in the Pacific Ocean during the past 90 years have ranged from 20 to 45 feet at the shoreline.

A tsunami usually includes not one wave, but a series of waves. The first wave is usually not the worst wave. And this series of waves can continue for hours.

There are two types of tsunamis, distinguished by whether the source is distant or local. Both types of tsunamis can strike Surf Pines. Both types are dangerous.

A tsunami can be generated at a great distance from the Oregon Coast. An example is the tsunami of 1964 that was generated by an earthquake off the coast of Alaska. Because the source was distant, the tsunami reached the Oregon Coast hours after the earthquake and most residents received advance notice via radio and television.

Though the source was distant and though there was advance notice, the tsunami of 1964 damaged property in Seaside and Cannon Beach and killed four children from the McKinzie family, who were camping with their parents at Beverly Beach State Park between Depoe Bay and Newport. Significantly, the whole family survived the first wave, which was relatively small; but the larger second wave, carrying logs and other debris, battered the family and swept the four children away.

A tsunami with a local source is likely to be generated by an earthquake along the Cascadia Subduction Zone, a fault area subject to quakes, which is only 50 to 80 miles off the coasts of Washington and Oregon. Because the source is local, the tsunami will reach the coast in minutes—perhaps within 30 to 10 minutes—and residents will receive little or no advance notice via radio and television. The only notice of the tsunami might be the shaking from the earthquake.

What Do You Do When a Tsunami Strikes Surf Pines?

Take these two steps:

1. When you receive advance notice via radio or television that a tsunami will strike the coast, get away from the beach and move to higher ground.

Or when you feel an earthquake that shakes the ground for 20 seconds, get away from the beach, without waiting for any other notice, and immediately move to higher ground.

Or if you are walking on the beach and the water recedes rapidly, run to higher ground.

In Surf Pines, the higher ground is along Manion Drive.

2. After you reach the higher ground, stay there until you receive notice that the tsunami is over.

Editors' note: In addition to "Tsunami 101," Bill Barrons, Administrator for the Surf Pines Association, urges you to read the bright yellow sheet of information that was enclosed with this newsletter. Prepared by Surf Pines residents several years ago, this information is also about living in a tsunami hazard zone.



Board of Directors Responds to Wildfire Danger

by Patrick Kelley

On March 13, 2005, after 12 days without significant rainfall, a wildfire off Dellmoor Loop burned 5 acres of land and threatened at least 10 homes.

Approximately 30 firefighters from Gearhart, Seaside, Warrenton, and the Oregon Department of Forestry responded to the wildfire and fought it for 3 hours. Gearhart Fire Chief Bill Eddy said that the wildfire might have been started by an unattended burn of either vegetation or rubbish. He cautioned residents to attend burns at all times.

For Surf Pines residents, the wildfire was close to home, both literally and figuratively.

Dellmoor Loop is just east of Surf Pines. Though wetter than most of the land in Surf Pines, the 5 acres that burned are similar to land in Surf Pines. And even a few of the homes that were threatened are similar to homes in Surf Pines.

Proactive in responding to the danger of wildfire in Surf Pines, the Board of Directors established in May 2004 "Residents' Guidelines for Burning Brush and Debris." (See "Residents' Guidelines" on this page.) These guidelines are based on guidelines issued by the Gearhart Fire Department, which serves Surf Pines.

The board also established in January 2005 a policy titled "Disposal of Debris Resulting from Clearing Land." (See "Policy" on page 7.) This policy responds not only to the danger of wildfire, but also to the nuisance of smoke.



Residents' Guidelines for Burning Brush and Debris

Burning brush and debris in Surf Pines is always a concern because of the risk of uncontrolled spread of fire. If you plan a burn, then follow these guidelines to reduce the risk.

Contact the Gearhart Fire Department (738-7838) and the Oregon Department of Forestry (325-5451) to learn if burning is permitted. (Burning may be banned at any time.)

- Attend the burn at *all* times.
- Burn only during daylight.
- Burn either in a barrel or in a pile no larger than 4 cubic feet.
- Place the barrel or the pile away from combustibles, such as brush and grass, and no closer than 50 feet from any building or fence.
- Do not burn if smoke might affect health or damage property.
- Keep ready at hand tools to extinguish the burn, such as a fire extinguisher, a water hose, and a shovel.
- Extinguish the burn completely before you leave it.

If a burn seems to be out of control or smoke from it is creating a nuisance, call 911 and report it to the dispatcher, who will then send the Gearhart Fire Department or the Oregon Department of Forestry to extinguish it. Violation of these guidelines might result in liability for the fire department's response.



Policy on Disposal of Debris Resulting from Clearing Land

It is the policy of the Surf Pines Association that all logs, limbs, brush, and other debris created by or resulting from the clearing of land in advance of the construction of a home (or for any other purpose that results in a large quantity of material) will be disposed of in a manner other than by the use of fire. Options include but are not limited to chipping the debris and spreading it on the property that has been cleared or trucking the debris out of Surf Pines for disposal elsewhere.



Surf Pines Social Calendar

Here is the Surf Pines social calendar for 2005, as planned by the Community Relations Committee. (Though some of the dates and places are tentative, you can "pencil in" all of the events on your calendar.)

Event	Tentative Date	Tentative Place
Annual Wine-Tasting Party	April 16	The Granziero Home
Annual Garage Sale	July 2	Members' Garages
Annual Picnic	July 3	Surf Pines Park
Ice-Cream Social	August 6	The Groshong Home
Fall Event	October 22	TBD
Annual Holiday Party	December 10	TBD



Participate in the Annual Surf Pines Garage Sale

by Katie Weber

What: 3rd Annual Surf Pines Garage Sale

When: July 2 (Saturday Only), 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Where: Your Garage or Yard

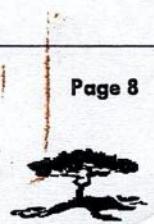
The 4th of July weekend should bring many buyers to the Coast and, in turn, to our "Fabulous One-Day-Only Sale."

A small fee will be collected from participants to pay for newspaper advertising and directional signs to guide buyers to our sale. The amount of the fee depends on the number of participants. (Last year, the fee was only \$3.00 per participant.) Let's make paying for the advertising a joint effort by all participants so that everyone shares equally.

To participate, call Katie Weber at 738-5986 by June 20.

Though this notice will be the only notice in the *Breeze* before the sale, the Community Relations Committee will post a reminder on the bulletin boards in June.

Editors' note: Katie Weber, a member of the Community Relations Committee, manages the Annual Garage Sale.



Welcome the New Surf Pines Residents

Welcome these new residents to Surf Pines:

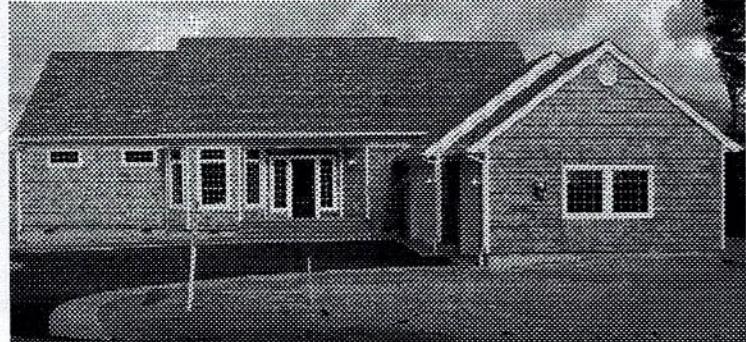
Doug & Beth Brauer 89447 Manion Dr.

Lee & Colleen Casaleggio 89547 Ocean Dr.

Joe Shea & Marsha Morello 89463 Manion Dr.

Tom White & Janet Hoppe-White 89750 Ocean Dr.

If you are a new resident (since January 1, 2005), but your name is not on this list, then contact Bill Barrons, Administrator.



Residents move into new homes on Ocean Drive and Manion Drive.

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